

I Will Come Again John 14:1-6

Introduction: I have made a
gross error, ~~in~~ my few
short years of preaching
something is conspicuously
missing in all the messages
that I have preached. If I
have mentioned it, it has only
been in passing. I am ashamed
~~that~~ to admit to you that
I have never preached upon
the 2nd Coming of our Lord
and saviour Jesus Christ.

This is the hope of all
believers and the cause of
fear to all ~~the~~ ~~the~~ unbelievers.

"I will come again" Crompton
Philosophers may mess around
in their minds and advance what
there they will, But we still have the
promise I will come again. The
Scientists can analyze it and pour
it into all the best tubes that they want
to, we still have the promise I will.
Students of language can say any
thing that they want to about these
4 little words but praise God they still
have I will. ^{the promise of} he infidels and infidels
can make all the fun they want to
and deny as long as they want to that
Jesus is coming but praise God we
still have the promise I will come
again to the earth

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I. The Heartache of His Departure

A. ^{Vs 12} This small band of believers were troubled by Jesus watching ~~him~~ ^{John 8: 33, 36} Jesus going away. We stand with them on the other side of Christ's Departure with no less heartache. ^{Ps 1: 8} When Hallow met ~~seen~~, ye lone. I believe we can identify w/ their ^{troubled} ~~Hearts~~ ^{Hearts}

B. The Unrest that was Seen - I have always in my mind believe the this word troubled = sorrow. They were crying. But this word means agitated, restless like the raging ~~sea~~ sea. The disciples heart were agitated; a betrayer in midst, a danger in midst. What else could go wrong? We can so often have hearts raging like ~~the~~ the troubled sea. Waves of worry, crashing cares can leave our hearts ~~reeling~~ rocking and reeling. And where is Jesus? Carest thou ~~not~~ that we perish. It is times like these that ^{Ever} ^{so} ^{soon} ^{gone} ^{go} cause us to look to heavens and cry out ^{"Where art thou?"}

C. ^{Vs 15} The Unbelief that was Senced

In the next phrase in verse one, Jesus is seemingly trying to sure up their belief in Him. Remember now, despite the fact that Jesus taught them over and over concerning His death & Resurrection His disciples had their eyes set on an earthly kingdom, a political powerhouse. But now more and more this hope was vaporizing causing doubts and unbelief to creep in. As the world around us worsens

recently
reading Bible
Even

could it be that doubts begin to invade
our minds? How long will He tarry? Is He coming
at all, in my childhood, heard much of Christ's return

I. The Uncertainty that was Stated

Vs 14:5, 8 I can see the disciples standing
there with these looks of astonishment
and confusion on their faces. Their
self devised plans are coming ~~un~~
unravelling before their eyes. A traitor
in their midst? Peter will deny the Lord?
What is going to happen? What will
tomorrow hold? Am I going the right
way? Do we need live in uncertain
days? Is He coming back at all?
~~Really~~ If I could just have a vision
or see a sign that I'm going the right way.

For 3 1/2 years Jesus has
been guiding their steps.

II. The Hope of His Declaration

A. In the midst of our doubts, confusion
and anxious worry, we find the Hope of
Christ's promise 'I will come again' Titus
2:13 calls Christ's declaration of his
certain return, 'the Blessed Hope' and
glorious appearing of the great God and our

our
Saviour Jesus
Christ

B. The Promise of the Master - Note

the Promise of His Dicty - Believe in
God Believe in me! Vs 7, 9b. He is
God! I am my father are one! Let's
be clear, these words are not from a great
teacher, philosopher, a political leader or social
reformer. These words are from the Great I AM!

The Promise of His Departure - "I go to prepare"

The master is not leaving them for His own
benefit. But ~~for~~ theirs. I will be making
... is not an end...

but at a
beginning

4 The Promise of His Deliverance - I will come again. If you see me leave now know of assuredly, I will come again. Acts 1:11 Ye men of Galilee why stand ye? I Thess 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven w/a

C. The Path of the Messiah

Jesus ends verse four with the words "the way you know." What He is seeking is "the way from this place to that place you already know." Thomas begins to search his mind for these set of directions and nothing comes to mind. vs 5. Then Jesus responds in vs 6 with one of the greatest statements in the Bible. Thomas the way to get from here to there is by Me. He is the anointed Messiah, the Chosen one of God. Christ's death upon the cross satisfied the just demands of a holy God on sinful man. There by making a path away into His Presence. Like Billy Sampson.

D. The Picture of the Marriage

This divine program of God concerning Christ's departure to prepare a dwelling place for His disciples is pictured in the way of marriage in these days. A man & woman would be betrothed, a binding now as solid as the marriage covenant. During this betrothal period of one year, the bridegroom would leave to prepare a place of dwelling for his new bride. Upon completion at some unknown hour the bridegroom would return, and the marriage celebration would begin. Here we have the betrothal promise of Christ to His bride church. I will come again.

III. The Heaven of His Disciples

A. He has gone to prepare a place for his disciples. A place of final abode. As in the previous Marriage Picture this is the 'happily ever after' of eternity. No more troubled hearts, no more ^{shall} longing at a distance. No! Our faith ^{in sight}

B. The Reception from an Everlasting Lord

When he comes again He will receive us - literally "I shall take you ~~to~~ along to my own home." How wonderful to be received by Him. It was not always so, to be welcomed into His presence in the Tabernacle, the thick veil stood between man and the very presence of God. But then the sacrifice of Christ this veil was rent into, now through Christ, ~~the~~ the blood that he shed there is access to God, receptive. What a day that will be... To be received into my eternal abode, to meet the Lord in the air at His appearing to hear his welcome! to see His nail pierced hands, No more glass darkly, but face to face with my beloved Savior.

C. The Reality of an Everlasting Life

17 ~~Ever~~ Ever, Ever, Ever he will be with the Lord! Never to be apart from our Saviors. ~~Our daily sentence~~

6 as believer is to pray and read the Bible. I wonder if these will be set aside. Have you ever tried to contemplate eternally, Forever with Christ, in the Father's House. To know Christ as we have never known him before to hear his voice, to touch his hand, to peer into ~~the~~ the eyes of the Lamb of God that took my sin away. I tried all week to remember a little poem that Dr Jack Hyles used to say something like For me, For me, For me, there's a mansion there for me, if anyone's gonna be happy in heaven it's gonna be me, me, me, me, me!

Conclusion: The Horrors of His Day Upon Christ's appearance and reception of all born again believers, there will be drastic consequences for those that remain upon the earth. I ^{have been} ~~was~~ reading the Book of Mark to my children at night we were reading Ch 13 which where Christ began to prophesy of the coming tribulation wars, famine, plagues, sun darkened, stars falling, all of God's wrath will be poured out upon the earth, Even gulped in amazement, ~~as~~ I realized he has heard so little of the tribulation, Sister, get right today The coming of Christ is at Hand! Repent!